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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

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Beginning January 2, the Reception and Diagnostic Center and Rockville Intake Units are now processing Birth Certificate requests upon an offender's arrival to the Department. By moving this process to intake, all offenders now have the opportunity to obtain their birth record prior to release.

On Wednesday, January 2, 2008, the Indiana Women's Prison Yarn Workers Group donated 281 crocheted hats and scarves to the Lord's Locker food pantry in Trafalgar, IN just in time for the severe winter weather.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility's "WHEELS FOR THE WORLD" wheelchair refurbishing operation sent out its last refurbished wheelchair shipment for the year. In all, the program repaired and shipped 232 wheelchairs in calendar year 2007, for shipment around the world to individuals in need.

Offenders in WCC's Inside-Out Dads Program sent video taped messages to their families expressing their plans and commitment to improving their relationships in the coming year.

PEN Products Central Office staff donated new clothes, new toys and food items for two families during this holiday season. The items were contributed by staff and were wrapped by female work release offenders.

On January 1, 2008, the Plainfield Correctional Facility initiated the first ever SOCAP program. The facility will be the first to serve as a treatment center containing a therapeutic community to help rehabilitate convicted sex offenders from throughout the state. SOCAP stands for the Sex Offender Containment and Accountability Program.

All facilities made extra efforts to afford offenders the opportunity to observe the Holiday season. The Indiana State Prison, offered offenders a variety of programs, including a Kwanza celebration on 12-27 and 12-28, a Native American Wounded Knee Celebration on 12-29, Eastern Orthodox Celebration and Feast on 12-29, General Christian Celebration and Feast on 12-23, Gary Diocese Bishop Dave Melzcek performed Mass on 12-25, and the offenders performed a play with a special appearance from Reno Hype a comedian on 12-25.

Several offenders at the Rockville Correctional Facility crocheted 228 stuffed bears. The bears were dressed in crocheted army vests and hats of desert camouflage for presentation to the families of the local National Guard Armory. Many members of the unit will soon be deployed with the 3rd battalion.

Every man ought to be inquisitive through every hour of his great adventure down to the day when he shall no longer cast a shadow in the sun. For if he dies without a question in his heart, what excuse is there for his continuance?

Frank Moore Colby 1865-1925